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In re Application of:
NGUYEN, G.V., et al.

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PREPARATION OF ANIONIC SURFACTANTS

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on March 27, 2002 and in
accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111, applicants provide the
following amendments and remarks for entry in the above-identified case.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

4. The process of claim 3 wherein the monocyclic aromatic hydrocarbon is
selected from the group consisting of benzene, toluene, *o*-xylene, *m*-xylene, *p*-
xylene, and mixtures thereof.

Remarks

In the Official Action mailed March 27, 2002, the Examiner rejected claims 1,
2 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Additionally, claims 1-12
stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) for allegedly being unpatentable over U.S.
Patent 4,255,343 to Gosser et al.